

## Pass it On !

Donate unopened cans of paint. Most schools, religious groups, community groups, and theater groups will accept unopened cans of paint, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint.



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Division of Solid Waste Services

## Leftover Latex Paint...

### Dry It Up!

Simply remove the lid and place your can of latex paint in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans with 1/4 or less will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, or **Waste Paint Hardener™** (see reverse side) available at all **McCormick Paint Stores and most area hardware stores.**



- ✓ *Use it up!*
- ✓ *Pass it on!*
- ✓ *Dry it up!*

Recycle your empty or dried paint can by simply placing it in your regular trash! How is this possible? Residential refuse in Montgomery County is burned for energy in the County's Waste-to-Energy Facility. At the end of the burn cycle, an electromagnet removes all ferrous metals, including paint cans, for recycling.

Tens-of-thousands of tax-dollars are spent each year disposing of latex paint as hazardous waste when in fact it is not hazardous! Latex paint can be safely home managed! Home management is easy and saves you time and money.



## *Use it up!*

Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. But avoid creating waste at the start; buy only what you need. One gallon of paint will cover between 250 to 350 square feet, depending on the porosity of the surface to be covered. A gallon of paint will cover closer to 250 square feet of surfaces that are more porous.

# *Drying up old latex, acrylic and water based paints & stains is easy!*

1. Add **Waste Paint Hardener**™ to 2/3 or up to one gallon of unwanted latex paint or water-based paint can. Work over some old newspapers.
2. Stir and mix thoroughly. For the best results, add up to one cup of water. Water will activate the hardener.
3. Set aside for 30 minutes. At the end of that time, paint will have a tacky, oatmeal-like consistency, but will not spill out! Your paint is now ready for disposal. Simply put can and mixture in with your regular trash! Mixture will get harder over time, so if your trash collection is not for a week or so it will be even harder when collected.



## *Spills too!*

Keep a bag of **Waste Paint Hardener**™ on hand for spills. One bag can thicken and contain a spilled gallon.

**Waste Paint Hardener™ is available at all McCormick Paints Stores and most area hardware stores.**

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

**For more information, call 301-840-2370 or visit our website: [www.mcrcycles.org](http://www.mcrcycles.org) Click on Latex Paint Disposal or type "Paint" in Search**



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